



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024 No: 3

4th October 2024



Term Dates 2024/25

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| Mon 7th Oct | Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability starts |
| Sat 12th Oct | PTA Adults Disco |
| Tues 15th Oct | PAPAYA Workshop, 7.30pm Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm |
| Thurs 17th Oct | Flu Vaccinations—all years |
| Fri 18th Oct | Class 6S Assembly |
| Tues 22nd Oct | Parents Evening—4pm to 6.30pm |
| Thurs 24th Oct | Parents Evening—6pm to 8.30pm |
| Fri 25th Oct | Inset Day |
| 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov | Half Term |
| Tues 5th & Wed 6th Nov | DoubleDay |
| Thurs 7th Nov | Year 5 Trip to Preston Manor Donations Day for Fireworks |
| Fri 8th Nov | PTA Fireworks—6pm to 8pm |
| Wed 13th Nov | Year 6 Trip to Haslemere Museum Church Remembrance Services - 9.15am Y3 & 4S, 10am Y5 and 4LT |
| Fri 15th Nov | Class 6W Assembly |
| Thurs 28th Nov | Donations Day for PTA Children's Christmas Shopping Event |
| Fri 29th Nov | Class 5E Assembly |
| Fri 6th Dec | PTA Children's Christmas Shopping Event |
| Thurs 12th Dec | Donations Day for PTA Christmas Event |
| Fri 13th Dec | After School PTA Christmas Event |
| Tues 17th Dec | Christmas Play - Lower School 9.15am & Upper School 1.45pm |
| Wed 18th Dec | Christmas Church Services |
| Thurs 19th Dec | Christmas Play - Upper School 9.15am & Lower School 1.45pm |
| Fri 20th Dec | End of Term—1.30pm |

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It has been a busy two weeks in school, with the brilliant Year 6 Residential to Windmill Hill last week (more on this below!), our annual PTA Annual General Meeting, Harvest Festivals and the start of our 2025/26 parent tours. With three weeks left

of this half term we still have lots planned, including the PTA 80's and 90's Parents Disco on Saturday 12th October! If you haven't yet bought your tickets, they are available now - It promises to be a great night!

Year 6 Trip to Windmill Hill

Year 6 had an absolutely brilliant time at PGL Windmill Hill last week and have just about recovered from the late nights and early mornings! Despite intermittent rain and wind, everyone challenged themselves beyond what they ever thought would be possible and achieved some fantastic things, including conquering the trapeze, scoring a bullseye on the rifle shooting and reaching the very top of the giant swing. All of the adults were really proud of the children's resilience and determination to conquer their fears.



Managing Children's Anxiety Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who attended last week's 'Managing Children's Anxiety' workshop - 65 families attended in total, which was amazing! We have created a "Mental Health and Wellbeing" page on our school website, where you will find a copy of the PowerPoint slides, as well as other useful resources. To access, please click on the following link: [Mental Health and Wellbeing](#).

Let's talk about our kids and their tech - PAPAYA Parent Evening, Tuesday 15th October

On Tuesday 15th October at 7.30pm, parents are invited to an interactive talk on how to help children achieve a healthy balance with the use of technology. Jennifer Powers from the PAPAYA Parents charity will unpack some of the complex issues around mental health and wellbeing, associated with smartphones and being online too much, and help us all find solutions that work for our own families. If you would like to attend, please sign up via the following link using your child's first name, last name and date of birth, so we know how many parents to expect - <https://busbridgejunior.schoolcloud.co.uk/> PAPAYA is a registered charity and so a suggested donation of £5 to cover the cost of the talk would be appreciated. Please make your donation via Arbor.

Attendance — a very important update

Please note that the DfE has issued new regulations/law and guidance to school and parents regarding school attendance and authorised / unauthorised leave. These came into force from 19 August 2024.

All schools will need to be more robust going forward when authorising leave requests, with strict penalties in place for unauthorised leave. A key aspect of these new regulations is a greater use of penalty notices should a parent/carer take their child(ren) out of school on Unauthorised Leave (e.g. a holiday).

Our updated Admissions Policy for this term will be issued shortly. In the meantime please read the following information.

If parents / carers take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days—or 10 sessions — (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

**** Please note that prior to issuing penalty notices, parents/carers in a school community need to have had sufficient notice of this change to school / national policy. Therefore no penalty notices will be issued in relation to our school before October 2024 Half-Term, or unauthorised leave requests received to date this school year. ****

If you have any queries about this please do speak to our school leadership team.

Class Assemblies

This years' class assemblies will be as follows (9.15am: an invite will be sent nearer the time of each assembly):

Friday 18th October — Class 6S Friday 15th November — Class 6W Friday 29th November — Class 5E
Friday 31st January — Class 5W Friday 14th February — Class 3B Friday 28th March — Class 4LT
Friday 2nd May — Class 4S Friday 16th May — 3BF

PTA Update

Thank you for all of your amazing effort and donations over the past year to Create Fun and Raise Funds for the school. At the PTA AGM on Tuesday we were able to commit to spending a considerable amount on resources that will add to your child's experience of school life. There are lots of events coming up in 2024/25 to be involved in - lots of new dates to get in your diaries (please see the diary dates on the front page of this newsletter for this terms dates). Thank you in advance for all of your wonderful donating and volunteering.

Key dates include - **DISCO on Saturday 12th October** - some tickets still available - it's going to be a fun night, don't miss out!

Fireworks Night on Friday 8th November; **Children's Christmas Shopping Event** on Friday 6th December and **After-School Christmas Event** on Friday 13th December.

Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy

Our Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy can be found on our school website: Safeguarding and Child Protection https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/safeguarding_child_protection/667455 . It outlines roles and responsibilities in the school and who to speak to if you have a concern about a child. Just to remind you, Mr Catchpole, Mrs Barker and Mrs McPhail are our Designated Safeguarding Leads, and Mrs P Baker, Mrs A Watson and Mr M Hanak-Hammerl are our Safeguarding Governors.

Superstars Board

Our SuperStars board in the entrance hall is a brilliant way of celebrating out of school achievements, such as competitions, sporting events, volunteering etc... Do email in a photo and a brief outline of your child's achievement if you would like them to feature on our SuperStars board. Our latest Superstars are:

- ◆ Olivia K (4LT) - For taking part in a kids summer challenge to help raise money for "Help Save Young Lives from Cancer". Olivia walked 1 mile a day and raised £165! Amazing.
- ◆ Katy G (5E) - For having her incredible artwork "Under the Sea" displayed at the Wokingham Art Trail. The money raised from the sale of her paintings has been donated to local charities. Top job!
- ◆ Ferris HLJ (5W) & Bram HLJ (3B) - Did you know that Ferris & Bram are both Hey Duggee characters?! They have been busy recording their voices for the popular children's show. In fact, the recent episode called The Sibling Badge featured the whole family! Superstars in the making!
- ◆ Melodi A (3B) - For being awarded Swimmer of the Month in August and getting a very shiny medal to prove it! Amazing work, Melodi!

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Wednesday 4th September to Thursday 24th October 2024:

Year 3 : £100.80

Year 4 : £103.60

Year 5 : £103.60

Year 6 : £89.60

Amount per day: £2.80 Amount per week: £14.00

Please remember to regularly check and top up your school meal accounts. *We would like to remind you that it is Surrey County Council policy that school meals should be paid for in advance. Please remember to top up your account on Arbor regularly.*



Busbridge Breakfast & After-school Club (ASC)

Spaces are available in the Breakfast & After-School Club.

Session costs are as follows:

Breakfast Club 7.50am - 8.45am - £6.40

ASC half session 3.30-4.45pm - £8.10

ASC full session 3.30-6.00pm - £16.20

Bookings can now be made via Arbor, however if you have any queries please contact

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